

**ORDINANCE NO. 5
SERIES 2016**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.40.020 OF THE GUNNISON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS.

WHEREAS, city staff has recommended amendments to Section 5.40.020, Licensing, A. Licensing, of the Gunnison Municipal Code (G.M.C.); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to clarify the annual license renewal requirement to be consistent with the calendar year by modifying the City of Gunnison Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change will have no change in the costs to the citizens: and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that such changes would benefit the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents and, therefore, is in the City's best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. G.M.C. Section 5.40.020, Licensing, A. Licensing, 3. License Period, is amended to read as follows:

3. License Period. If not revoked, licenses for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for a period of one year. Such license will be renewed annually. The annual licensing period shall begin on January 1st.

A license issued prior to June 1, 2016 will expire May 31, 2016, with a license issued after June 1, 2016 having the costs prorated for the remainder of the calendar year 2016 as per the city fee schedule.

Section 2. If any section of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or the constitutionality of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council of the City of Gunnison hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections be declared unconstitutional.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ____ day of _____, 2016, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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